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Media Advisory

DEQ and EPA to announce cleanup at Plaquemine Parish facility

- Who:** Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
- What:** Completion of a voluntary clean up project in Plaquemines Parish
- Where:** Port Nickel facility of Amax Metals Recovery, Inc.
3607 English Turn Road, in Braithwaite
- When:** Thursday, Nov. 15
Noon
- Why:** State and federal officials will present the inactive Port Nickel facility of Amax Metals Recovery, Inc., with a certificate of completion for a successful cleanup effort at the site. After more than three years of work, the company will receive a certificate of completion, which acknowledges that the cleanup meets both federal and state programs. AMRI, owned by Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., participated in the DEQ's voluntary remediation program and EPA's corrective action strategy program to cleanup approximately 215 acres of the 975-acre site. In this case, the contractors for the company worked to cleanup an underground storage tank waste pile area used historically to store fuel and oil. Originally constructed in 1958, AMRI is situated on the Mississippi riverfront. Because of the location it is expected to play a key role in the recovery and revitalization of the area.